

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2014

SIGN IN

VIRGIL KAMBARIAN
PAUL JACKSTADT
RON SIMPSON
BILL DAVIS
JUDY WHITAKER
BRIAN KONZEN

DAN MCDOWELL
GERALD WILLIAMS
WALMER SCHMIDTKE
DON THOMPSON
ED HAGNAUER

ALDERMAN KAMBARIAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

KAMBARIAN STATED THAT NUMBER 2 ON THE AGENDA IS THE EMERGENCY EXPENSE CLEANING FOR CITY HALL THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE APPROVED ON THE COUNCIL FLOOR THIS EVENING.

MAYOR STATED THAT THE COST IS BETWEEN \$16,000.00 TO \$18,000.00 FOR THE INCIDENT.

MOTION BY KAMBARIAN, SECOND BY MCDOWELL TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY CLEANING EXPENSE. MOTION CARRIED.

KAMBARIAN STATED NEXT IS THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION FUNDS AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE DONE IN APRIL.

MOTION BY KAMBARIAN, SECOND BY MCDOWELL TO GET TENTATIVE APPROVAL THE TRANSFERRING OF THE FUNDS TO THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION FUNDS. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION BY THE MAYOR AND ATTORNEY OF CHANGING THE LANGUAGE IN THE BUDGET TO COVER SITUATIONS LIKE THIS.

COMPTROLLER ONEY STATED THAT THE COUNTY HAS CHANGED THE TIME FRAME ON THE FINAL NOTIFICATION; THE COUNTY HAS A WENT TO A 4 TAX PAYMENT PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL BEFORE THEY GO OUT.

KAMBARIAN STATED THAT AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SET UP SOME KIND OF INCENTIVES FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES.

KAMBARIAN TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO ATTORNEY LEO KONZEN TO DISCUSS THE DOWNTOWN TIF INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

ATTORNEY LEO KONZEN STATED THAT WE HAVE A PROPOSED DOWNTOWN TIF INCENTIVE PROGRAM. THE DOWNTOWN TIF WAS CREATED IN 1986 TO STOP THE DETERIORATION OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA. IN 2009 IT WAY GOING TO EXPIRE AND WE WENT BACK AND HAD IT EXTENDED TO 2022. WE HAVE FROM 2014 TO 2022 TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM. A LOT HAS BEEN DONE.

WE HAVE IMPROVED THE LIBRARY, THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS STAYED DOWNTOWN, PRAIRIE FARMS HAS EXPANDED AND WE HAVE IMPROVED THE DOWNTOWN STREET SCAPES. THE QUESTION IS CAN WE DO MORE WITH THE TIME WE HAVE LEFT. THE MAYOR HAS TALKED ABOUT IMPROVING THE FACADE OF THE DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS. THAT IS HOW IT HAS GOT STARTED. SO WE TALKED TO P.G.P.A.V. AND HAVE FOUND OUT THE REPAIR OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS ARE PERMITTED. SO WE HAVE PROPOSED THE DOWNTOWN TIF INCENTIVE PROGRAM. PARTICULARLY IN THE ARTS AREA. IT WOULD BE A GRANT PROGRAM. THE FIGURE THAT WE HAVE COME UP WITH IS TEN THOUSAND PER OWNER BUT THAT IS ALL UP FOR DEBATE. I BELIEVE THAT IF ONE PERSON IMPROVES THEIR PROPERTY YOU WILL SEE OTHERS DO THE SAME. I HAVE A HAND OUT EXPLAINING THE PROPOSAL. THE IDEA IS TO COME UP WITH A COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BUSINESS, IT WOULD GO THE HARC BOARD, THEN TO THE COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL. THEY WOULD SPEND THE MONIES FIRST ON THE IMPROVEMENTS THEN THEY WOULD BE REIMBURSED.

MAYOR STATED THAT WE WANT THESE DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS TO BE BROUGHT UP TO CODE. WE ALSO HAVE OTHER THINGS THAT THIS PROPOSAL DOESN'T ADDRESS IS THE PARK FUND AND THE BONDS FROM THE TIF FUNDS. WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR IS ABOUT \$70,000.00 A YEAR SET ASIDE TO HELP BETWEEN 7-10 PEOPLE.

ATTORNEY LEO KONZEN STATED THAT THIS WOULD ALL BE PUT IN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR.

KAMBARIAN STATED THAT THE TIF MONIES CAN ONLY BE SPENT IN THE TIF AREA NOT OTHER AREAS.

MOTION BY KAMBARIAN, SECOND BY MCDOWELL TO HAVE THE ATTORNEY DRAW UP A RESOLUTION BASED ON THIS DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED DOWNTOWN TIF INCENTIVE PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR STATED THAT HE WILL RECOMMEND FOR SERVING ON THAT BOARD IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY BOARD.

MOTION BY KAMBARIAN, SECOND BY SIMPSON TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.